

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF MOBILE COUNTY, ALABAMA

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Plaintiff,  
vs.  
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Defendant,

CIVIL ACTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

GENERAL PRE-TRIAL ORDER

To expedite pre-trial and trial procedure, it is ORDERED by the Court that the following will apply:

1. EXHIBITS, DOCUMENTS, AND PHYSICAL EVIDENCE, GENERALLY

a. Each party shall identify in writing to all other parties and shall make all documents, exhibits and physical evidence, or copies thereof, expected to be used in the case in chief available to the other parties, not less than 21 days prior to trial, for inspection and copying. The same shall then be authenticated and admitted into evidence without further proof, unless written objections to any such documents or exhibits be made to the Court not less than 14 days prior to trial specifying the grounds of objection to the genuineness and relevancy of the proposed document, exhibit, or physical evidence. The requirement does not apply to documents, exhibits and physical evidence used solely as impeachment evidence.

b. Documents, exhibits or physical evidence not timely exhibited to or made available to other parties prior to trial under this Order will not be admitted into evidence at the trial unless solely for impeachment purposes or unless the ends of justice so require.

c. Documents, exhibits or physical evidence so admitted hereunder shall be presented to the court reporter for marking in evidence prior to trial.

2. DOCTOR, HOSPITAL AND MEDICAL EXPENSES

a. If applicable, all doctor, medical and hospital bills shall be sent to or made available to all parties not less than 21 days before trial and shall be admitted in evidence as reasonable without further proof, unless written objection to any such bills be made to the Court no less than 14 days before trial specifying the grounds for objection.

b. Any such bills not timely exhibited to the other parties will not be admitted in evidence at trial unless the ends of justice so require.

c. The bills so admitted shall be presented to the court reporter for marking in evidence prior to trial.

3. SPECIAL DAMAGES

- a. All parties seeking special damages shall furnish the other parties with a list thereof not less than 21 days before trial. Written objections thereto may be made not less than 14 days before trial specifying grounds of objections.
- b. Evidence of special damages claimed, but not timely exhibited to other parties, will not be admitted into evidence unless the ends of justice require so.

4. AGENCY-TIME AND PLACE-DUTY

- a. Agency and the time and place of the incident involved, if alleged in the complaint, and, if a negligence case, the existence of a duty, are admitted and the parties are deemed correctly named and designated unless specifically denied by answer or unless written objection is made not less than 14 days before trial. The objections shall include the correct name and entity and/or the grounds relied on.

5. EXPERTS

- a. Unless previously obtained by discovery, each party will furnish to all other parties the names, addresses and qualifications of all expert witnesses expected to testify, together with a brief summary of their opinions. Such disclosure of experts shall be made by the party filing the Motion to Set and Certificate of Readiness not later than the time of filing such motion. Disclosure by all parties shall be made not later than 14 days after the filing of the Motion to Set and Certificate of Readiness.
- b. Disclosure of experts in cases not included in the Fastrack system shall be made by all parties not less than 60 days before trial.
- c. Unless written objection to the qualifications of an expert is made not later than 30 days before trial, stating grounds, the qualification of such expert will be admitted.
- d. Upon calling an expert to testify at trial, the attorney may state to the Court and jury the name, address and summary of the qualifications of the expert.

6. DISCOVERY

Discovery shall be completed 30 days prior to the trial date. On written motion for good cause shown, the court may allow discovery within this 30-day period.

7. JURY INSTRUCTIONS

If the case is to be tried by a jury, requested written charges shall be submitted to the Court not later than the close of the plaintiff's case, subject to supplementation during the course of the trial on matters which could not be reasonably anticipated. Each requested charge will be typed on letter size paper and identified by the party's last name and shall be numbered.

8. JURY SELECTION

Before the commencement of trial, the parties will furnish or advise the court, outside the presence of the jury, the names of all insurance companies involved and any special voir dire questions for the purpose of qualifying the jury.

9. DUTY TO SUPPLEMENT DISCOVERY

All parties are under duty to supplement responses to discovery as provided by Rule 26(e)(3) ARCP which should be done not less than 30 days before trial.

10. MOTIONS GENERALLY

If motion to strike or motion to dismiss a pleading is filed, the Court will not consider such unless a copy of the pleading sought to be struck or dismissed is attached thereto.

11. CONFLICTS

In the event of scheduling conflict affected counsel shall comply with the Attorney Calendar Conflict Resolution Order of the Alabama Supreme Court.

It is further ORDERED by the Court that the Court will reconsider any portion of the General Pre-Trial Order upon timely application by any party.

Done this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_

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Charles A. Graddick, Presiding Circuit Judge